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Response to Final Office Action.

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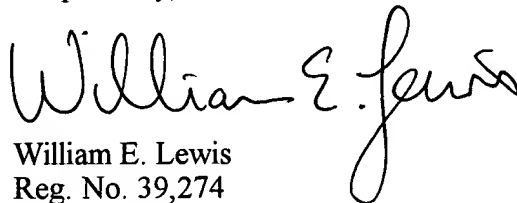
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 14, 2003, Applicants present the following remarks for consideration:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 12, 1999 with claims 1-20. In an Amendment and Response to Office Action dated December 10, 2002, Applicants canceled claims 1-20 and presented new claims 21-67 for consideration. In the final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 21-67 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,307 to Bates et al. (hereinafter "Bates").

In response, Applicants: (i) file concurrent herewith a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA); and (ii) traverse the §102(e) rejection for at least the reasons given below.